

# HEALTH COMMISSION

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

### Health Commission 2021 Awards

Nominated Team/Program	Names of Individual Team Members/Titles	Section/Work Unit	Nominated by:
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WIC Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mario Gonzalez</li> <li>Janice Lee</li> <li>Kimsan Cheng</li> <li>Angelica Ibarra</li> <li>Lila Padilla</li> <li>Alma Vasquez</li> <li>Chu-Fen(Stella) Wang</li> <li>Diana Wilson</li> <li>Hui (Queenie) Tan,</li> <li>Shronda Jackson</li> <li>Teresa Chan</li> <li>Gail Erivin</li> <li>Yvonne Kong</li> <li>Carrie Lee</li> <li>Emily Melaugh</li> <li>Amy Thompson</li> <li>Nancy Flynn</li> <li>Shauna Pirotn</li> <li>Suzanne Malone</li> <li>Grethel Pallavicini</li> <li>Priti Rane</li> </ul>	Maternal Child Adolescent Health/Ambulatory Care	Aline Armstrong, Director MCAH

- The WIC team provides nutrition and breastfeeding support and counseling, immunization screening, referrals to healthcare and dental providers and to community services to address a wide array of family needs such as housing, childcare, legal services, health and dental insurance, substance use prevention, etc. The WIC team members including the counselors and nutritionist provide these services within a Trauma Informed framework providing an anti-racist, trusting, supportive and safe space for families.
- Most team members are bilingual. During the pandemic, the team provided services to San Francisco's diverse communities in 26 languages.
- While most services have been provided remotely during the pandemic, the clinics have remained open and staffed to allow families to stop by for in-person services such as breast pump pickups and same day WIC card pickups services.
- Since February 2020, the program has seen a **25% growth** in caseload, now averaging 8700 participants monthly.
- In partnership with Stupski Foundation, the team distributed \$20,000 worth of gift cards to Black and Latinx WIC families and distributed \$300k EatSF COVID emergency vouchers to WIC families.

- In partnership with Heart of the City Farmers Market, Alemany Farmers Market, Wholesale Produce Market and DoorDash, the team distributed organic produce boxes to 3000 WIC families in neighborhoods hardest hit by the pandemic.
- In 2021, the team partnered with the SF-Marin Food Bank to enroll WIC pregnant people and families with children under 2 years of age in the Pantry at Home program.
- In partnership with the Human Services Agency and CalFresh, the team opened a new WIC clinic at 1440 Harrison street to help improve cross referrals and offer a one stop shop options to many families. The clinic started with 15 participants in February 2020 and is now serving 194 participants at that site.

These are just a sample of the many incredible accomplishments of the WIC team in the past few years. Please join me in expressing our immense gratitude to each of the team members.